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Highway Agents and School Board

of the

TOWN OF

STRAFFORD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

CLYDE S. GRAY MAURICE H. CASWELL
HARRY G. PARSHLEY

Town Clerk

TRESSA P. NELSON

Treasurer

ROLAND S. BROWN

Tax Collector

FRED E. HUCKINS

Moderator

VIRGIL F. SCRIBNER

Supervisors of Checklist

ROSCOE NELSON WILLIS BENNETT
ESTHER HENDERSON

Health Officer

ALBERT LEIGHTON

Auditors

ALBERT BROWN MERLE PENNY

School Board

HELEN BROWN MADALEEN LEIGHTON
THETIS SCRUTON

School Treasurer

ESTHER HENDERSON

School Auditors

WALTON STILES JOHN SCRIBNER

Trustee of Trust Funds

PHILLIP STEDMAN CHESTER SCRUTON
OSCAR PRATT

Librarian

RUTH HUCKINS

Library Trustees

HATTIE FOSS MARTHA Z. BENNETT
ELLEN STILES

Fire Wardėn

VIRGIL F. SCRIBNER

Deputies

CLYDE S. GRAY GEORGE B. LEIGHTON
ARTHUR TASKER HARRY G. PARSHLEY

Highway Agent

E. GUY HUCKINS

Representative to General Court

ALBERT H. BROWN

WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Strafford on Tuesday, the tenth (10th) day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Public Welfare including Old Age Assistance and Soldier's Aid.

4. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.

5. To see if the town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of $913.01.

6. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1500.00 for State Aid Construction of Parker Mountain road.

7. To see if the town will vote to purchase a power sander and raise and appropriate the sum of $425.00.

8. To see what action the town will take as to rate of pay for winter sanding.

9. To see if the town will accept, as town property, and maintain as a public way the private road known as Lake View Avenue. (By petition).

10. To see if the town will vote to have the Town

Hall shingled and raise and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $320.80 for materials to complete the inside construction of the Crown Point Fire Station. (By Petition).

12. To see what money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

13. To see if the town will accept the report of the Soldier's Memorial Committee and raise and appropriate any money for the same.

14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust disease.

15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $90.00 for the Lakes Region Association.

16. To see if the town will grant a two percent discount on property taxes paid in full within 30 days of date of issue of collector's warrant.

17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 12th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

CLYDE S. GRAY,
MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
Selectmen of Strafford.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CLYDE S. GRAY,
MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
Selectmen of Strafford.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and buildings		$792,700.00
Mature wood and timber		1,500.00
Electric plants		73,545.00
Horses, asses and mules	52	3,775.00
Cows	225	37,375.00
Other neat stock	62	6,500.00
Sheep and goats	80	1,265.00
Fowl	7,556	9,295.00
Boats and launches	18	800.00
Portable mills	3	500.00
Wood, lumber, etc.		8,350.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks		800.00
Stock in trade		2,500.00
Aqueducts		1,000.00
Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions Allowed		$939,905.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind		37,190.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		$902,715.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, January 1, 1952

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1952	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$2,211.79	$1,686.01	
Savings Bank Tax	76.90	68.35	
White Pine Blister Rust		8.95	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	4,000.00	5,454.85	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	100.00	100.00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	6.50	5.50	
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings		51.00	
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	25.00	21.66	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment	50.00		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,200.00	2,426.12	$2,400.00
Sale of Town Property	50.00	50.00	
Amount Raised by Issue of Notes:			
Two Long Term Notes, $1,000 each		2,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular at $2	600.00	572.00	600.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	13.75	13.75	13.75
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	$9,333.94	$12,458.19	$9,067.31
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			52,930.50
Total Revenues			$61,997.81

OF STRAFFORD, N. H.

Ensuing Year January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1953 Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year to December 31, 1952

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1952	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1952	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1953
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$2,200.00	$2,059.84	$2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00	1,002.06	1,000.00
Election and Registration Expenses	150.00	221.25	75.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	250.00	323.21	250.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Fire Department, including Forest Fires	300.00	647.73	300.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	400.00	391.05	400.00
Health:			
Health Department, including Hospitals	50.00	25.00	50.00
Vital Statistics	7.50	7.00	8.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	6,000.00	5,958.38	6,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,000.00	5,247.62	5,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department		1,371.65	
Town Road Aid	913.01	913.01	913.01
Libraries:			
Libraries	42.50	42.50	42.50
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,200.00	903.98	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	2,800.00	2,138.36	2,800.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day	75.00	56.55	75.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families		103.22	
Recreation:			
Soldiers—Memorial	500.00	500.00	500.00
Unclassified:			
Dog Damage		156.52	
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	115.00	101.38	115.00
On Principal of Trust Funds Used by Town	160.00	160.00	160.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:			
Highways and Bridges:			
State Aid Construction—Town's Share	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
S. A. Bridge	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes			1,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,862.22	3,862.22	3,862.22
School Taxes	34,702.40	34,702.40	34,547.08
Total Expenditures	$61,627.63	$62,894.89	$61,997.81

AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RATES

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

Public Service		$70,158.00
N. H. Electric		3,387.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans		37,090.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to blind		100.00
Number of inventories distributed	625	
Number of inventories returned	410	
Number of veterans who received property exemption	44	
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	38	

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CLYDE S. GRAY,
MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
Selectmen of Strafford.

June 30, 1952.

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations:

Town Officers' salaries	$2,200.00
Town Officers' expenses	900.00
Election and registration expenses	150.00
Town Hall and buildings maintenance	250.00
Fire Department	300.00
Blister Rust—moth extermination	400.00
Health Department	50.00
Vital statistics	7.50
State Aid Construction—Strafford-Dover Road	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	913.01
Town Maintenance	11,000.00
New Construction, bridges	1,000.00
Soldiers' Memorial	500.00
Libraries	42.50
Old Age Assistance	2,800.00
Public Relief, town poor	1,200.00
Memorial Day, Veterans' Association, Old Home Day	75.00
Payments on debt, interest	275.00
County tax	3,862.22
School tax, adjusted amount of State Tax Commission	34,702.40
Total Town and School Appropriations	$61,627.63

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and dividends tax	$1,686.01	
Savings bank tax	76.90	
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	5,119.16	
Motor vehicle permit fees	2,200.00	
Dog licenses	100.00	
Business licenses and permits	6.50	
Rent of town property and equipment	50.00	

Interest on taxes and income from Trust Funds	25.00	
Sale of tax deeded property	50.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		9,313.57
		$52,314.06
Plus overlay		887.70
Net Amount to be raised by taxation		$53,201.76
Less: 325 poll taxes at $2	$650.00	
National bank stock taxes	13.75	
		663.75
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		$52,538.01

Taxes to be Committed to Collector

Property taxes	$52,538.01
Poll taxes at $2	650.00
National bank stock taxes	13.75
Total Taxes to be Committed	$53,201.76
Tax rate—Town	$5.82

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts and Disbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	$2,200.00		$2,200.00	$2,059.84	$140.16	
Town Officers' Expenses	900.00	$209.50	1,109.50	1,002.06	107.44	
Election and Registration	150.00		150.00	221.25		$66.25
Town Hall	250.00	51.00	301.00	323.21		22.21
Fire Dept., including Forest Fires	300.00		300.00	647.73		347.73
Blister Rust Control	400.00	8.95	408.95	400.00	8.95	
Health Department	50.00		50.00	25.00	25.00	
Vital Statistics	7.50		7.50	7.00	.50	
Town Highway Maintenance	11,000.00	1,472.80	12,472.80	14,050.39		1,577.59
Town Road Aid	913.01		913.01	913.01		
Libraries	42.50		42.50	42.50		
Public Welfare	1,200.00	160.00	1,360.00	903.98	456.02	
Old Age Assistance	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,138.36	661.64	
Soldier's Aid				103.22		103.22
Memorial Day	75.00		75.00	56.55	18.45	
Soldiers' Memorial Fund	500.00		500.00	500.00		
Interest	275.00		275.00	261.38	13.62	
State Aid Construction	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
State Aid Bridge	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
County Tax	3,862.22		3,862.22	3,862.22		
	$26,925.23	$1,902.25	$28,827.48	$29,517.70	$1,431.78	$2,117.00
						1,431.78
Net Overdraft of Appropriations						$785.22

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Assets

Cash:	
In hands of treasurer	$16,965.06
In hands of treasurer, 4 $1,000 Series "G" Bonds	4,000.00
Accounts due to the Town:	
Rent town property	150.00
Sanford, for Parker Mt. fire	118.70
U. S. A., lump sum, death payment	60.00
Reimbursement, town poor	150.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	2,336.00
Levy of 1951	1,120.14
Levy of 1950	409.82
Previous years	283.65
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1952	1,388.17
Levy of 1951	122.23
Levy of 1950	6.00
State head taxes, levy of 1952	405.00
Total Assets	$27,514.77
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)	2,579.22
Grand Total	$30,093.99
Net Debt—December 31, 1951	$454.49
Net Debt—December 31, 1952	2,579.22
Increase of Debt For S. A. Bridge	$2,121.73

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Soldiers' Memorial Fund	$5,025.00
Town dump	300.00
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1952:	
Uncollected	405.00
1951 head tax and penalty	5.50
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of appropriation	18,358.49
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Bridge Note No. 1, $1,000.00 at 2%, due December 10, 1953	1,000.00
Bridge Note No. 2, $1,000.00 at 2½%, due December 10, 1954	1,000.00
Trust Funds, Amount of principal used by Town, Austin Fund	4,000.00
Total Liabilities	$30,093.99

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

Receipts

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes, current year, 1952	$52,133.57	
Poll taxes, current year, regular at $2, 1952	572.00	
National bank stock taxes, 1952	13.75	
Yield taxes, 1952	354.35	
State head taxes at $5, 1952	1,655.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$54,728.67
Property taxes and yield taxes, previous years		669.95
Poll taxes, previous years, regular at $2		220.00
State head taxes at $5, 1951		210.00
Interest received on taxes		21.66
Penalties on state head taxes		26.50
Tax sales redeemed		2,027.60
From State:		
For town road aid		6,086.74
For Class V highway maintenance		1,472.80
Interest and dividend tax		1,686.01
Savings bank tax and building and loan association tax		68.35
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber		5,454.85
White pine blister refund		8.95
Bounties		10.50
Reimbursement, head tax expense		8.55
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		100.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		5.50
Rent of town property		51.00
Registration of motor vehicles: 1951 permits		26.27

1952 permits		2,399.85
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	$10,000.00	
Long term notes during year	2,000.00	
Refunds	160.00	
New Trust Funds received during year	100.00	
Sale of town property	50.00	
Interest on Government bonds	137.50	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		12,447.50
Total Receipts from All Sources		$87,731.25
Cash on hand January 1, 1952		13,488.12
Grand Total		$101,219.37

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government	
Town officers' salaries	$2,059.84
Town officers' expenses	1,002.06
Election and registration expenses	221.25
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	323.21
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Fire department, including forest fires	647.73
Moth extermination—blister rust	400.00
Bounties	8.00
Damage by dogs	156.52
Health:	
Health department	25.00
Vital statistics	7.00

Highways and Bridges:		
Town road aid	6,999.75	
Town Maintenance		
Summer	7,431.12	
Winter	5,247.62	
General expenses of highway department	1,371.65	
Libraries:		
Libraries	42.50	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	2,138.36	
Town poor	903.98	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	56.55	
Aid to soldiers and their families	103.22	
Unclassified:		
Taxes bought by town	2,345.58	
Discounts, abatements and refunds	191.49	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$2,537.07
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$101.38	
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	160.00	
Total Interest Payments		261.38
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Highways and Bridges:		
State aid construction	$1,000.00	
S. A. bridge	4,000.00	
Total Outlay Payments		5,000.00

Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$10,000.00	
Payments to trustees of trust funds (new funds)	100.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		10,100.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State head taxes paid to State Treasurer	$1,848.28	
Taxes paid to County	3,862.22	
Payments to School Districts	31,500.00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		37,210.50
Total Payments for All Purposes		$84,254.31
Cash on hand December 31, 1952		16,965.06
Grand total		$101,219.37

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, lands and buildings	$3,000.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Libraries, lands and buildings	1,500.00
Fire Department, lands and buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Highway Department, equipment	2,000.00
Materials and supplies	1,500.00
Schools, lands and buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
James B. Green, 5 A.	50.00
Joseph Caverly, 3 A.	30.00
Walter Gilbert, 12 A.	100.00
Frank Moors, 3 A.	15.00
George Hall, 40 A.	100.00
Total	$24,798.00

Certificate

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CLYDE S. GRAY,
MAURICE H. CASWELL,
HARRY G. PARSHLEY,
Selectmen.

ROLAND S. BROWN,
Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts

1951 dog licenses	$18.00		
1952 dog licenses	82.00		
		$100.00	
1951 auto permits	26.27		
1952 auto permits	2,399.85		
		2,426.12	
Filing fees		2.00	
			$2,528.12

Disbursements

1951 dog licenses	$18.00		
1952 dog licenses	82.00		
		$100.00	
1951 auto permits	26.27		
1952 auto permits	2,399.85		
		2,426.12	
Filing fees		2.00	
			$2,528.12

TRESSA P. NELSON.
Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1952	$13,488.12
Receipts, 1952	87,731.25
	$101,219.37

Payments

Payments, 1952	$84,254.31
Balance, December 31, 1952	$16,965.06
	$101,219.37

ROLAND S. BROWN,
Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF LONG TERM NOTES

Town of Strafford

December 31, 1952

Notes to Build S. A. Bridge

Note No.	Date of Issue	Original Amount	Rate of Interest	Date of Maturity
1	May 24, 1952	$1,000.00	2%	Dec. 10, 1953
2	May 24, 1952	$1,000.00	2½%	Dec. 10, 1954
		$2,000.00		

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FRED E. HUCKINS, Collector

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1952

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property taxes	$52,538.13
National Bank stock tax	13.75
Poll taxes	738.00
Yield taxes	1,541.63
Added property taxes	164.80
Added poll taxes	18.00
Interest collected	20.13
Total	$55,034.44

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Property taxes	$52,133.57
National Bank stock tax	13.75
Poll taxes	572.00
Yield taxes	354.35
Interest collected	20.13
Discounts allowed	500.09
Abatements	52.38
Uncollected property taxes	16.89
Uncollected poll taxes	184.00
Uncollected yield taxes	1,187.28
Total	$55,034.44

State Head Tax

Levy of 1952

Dr.

State Head Tax Committed to Collector:	
Original warrant	$2,105.00

Added taxes	30.00
Penalties collected	5.50
Total	$2,140.50

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Head taxes	$1,625.00
Added taxes	30.00
Penalties collected	5.50
Abatements	75.00
Uncollected head taxes	405.00
Total	$2,140.50

Property Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1951

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952

Dr.

Property taxes	$22.08
Poll taxes	122.00
Yield taxes	688.00
Added poll taxes	26.00
Interest collected	8.25
Total	$867.13

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Property taxes	$8.25
Poll taxes	86.00
Yield taxes	642.40
Interest collected	8.25
Uncollected property taxes	13.83
Uncollected yield taxes	46.40
Uncollected poll taxes	62.00
Total	$867.13

State Head Tax

Levy of 1951

Uncollected taxes January 1, 1952	$285.00

Added taxes	75.00
Penalties collected	21.00
Total	$381.00

Remittance to Treasurer 1952:

Head taxes	$210.00
Penalties	21.00
Abatements	150.00
Total	$381.00

Poll and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1950

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952

Dr.

Poll taxes	$88.00
Yield taxes	5.00
Total	$93.00

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:

Poll taxes	$14.00
Yield taxes	5.00
Poll taxes abated	68.00
Uncollected poll taxes	6.00
Total	$93.00

Property and Poll Taxes

Levy of 1949

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952

Dr.

Property tax	$7.25
Poll tax	52.00
Total	$59.25

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:

Poll tax	$2.00

Property tax abated	7.25
Poll tax abated	50.00
Total	$59.25

DETAILED STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS

Local Taxes, Current Year, 1952

Aug.	4	Fred E. Huckins, N. B. S. tax	$13.75
Sept.	6	Fred E. Huckins, Property	3,200.00
	11	Fred E. Huckins, Property	5,336.63
	13	Fred E. Huckins, Property	1,826.22
	23	Fred E. Huckins, Property	10,747.35
	29	Fred E. Huckins, Property	4,552.79
Oct.	4	Fred E. Huckins, Property	305.82
Nov.	1	Fred E. Huckins, Property	4,040.52
	13	Fred E. Huckins, Property	2,005.11
	28	Fred E. Huckins, Property	5,819.67
Dec.	1	Fred E. Huckins, Property	5,882.72
	6	Fred E. Huckins, Property	3,479.26
	31	Fred E. Huckins, Property	2,176.40
	31	Fred E. Huckins,Taxes sold Town	2,200.29
	31	Fred E. Huckins,	560.79
			$52,147.32

Polls

Aug.	2	Fred E. Huckins	$110.00
Sept.	11	Fred E. Huckins	148.00
Oct.	4	Fred E. Huckins	58.00
Nov.	28	Fred E. Huckins	82.00
Dec.	1	Fred E. Huckins	130.00
	6	Fred E. Huckins	20.00
	31	Fred E. Huckins	24.00
			$572.00

Levy of 1951

Feb.	2	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	$16.00
Mar.	1	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	16.00
Apr.	5	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	28.00

May 3	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	16.00
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	10.00
31	Fred E. Huckins, Property	8.25
		$94.25

Levy of 1950

Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	$14.00
31	Fred E. Huckins, Polls Abat.	68.00
		$82.00

Levy of 1949

Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Polls	$2.00
31	Fred E. Huckins, Polls Abat.	50.00
31	Fred E. Huckins, Polls Abat.	68.00
		$59.25

Tax Sales Redeemed

Feb. 2	Fred E. Huckins	$30.00
Mar. 1	Fred E. Huckins	1,149.15
Apr. 5	Fred E. Huckins	416.63
May 3	Fred E. Huckins	88.73
Aug. 2	Fred E. Huckins	187.60
Sept. 11	Fred E. Huckins	20.00
Oct. 4	Fred E. Huckins	50.00
Nov. 1	Fred E. Huckins	30.00
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	55.49
		$2,027.60

Interest received on Taxes

Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	$21.66

Yield Taxes 1951

Feb. 2	Fred E. Huckins	$65.00
Mar. 1	Fred E. Huckins	572.45
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	5.00
31	Fred E. Huckins	12.00

1952

Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	354.35
		$1,008.80

From State of N. H.

Feb.	2	Balance 1951 Yield tax	$1,900.56
	2	Reimbursement Porcupine bounty	10.50
July	17	T. R. A. Money	6,086.74
	21	Gas tax	1,472.80
Aug.	13	Interest and dividends tax	1,686.01
Dec.	6	Reimbursement Head tax expense	8.55
	31	Savings Bank Tax	68.35
	31	Reimbursement Yield tax	3,554.29
	31	Unexpended balance blister rust	8.95
			$14,796.75

From Local Sources Except Taxes

Dog Licenses

Feb.	2	Tressa P. Nelson	$2.00
Apr.	5	Tressa P. Nelson	22.00
May	3	Tressa P. Nelson	15.00
Aug.	2	Tressa P. Nelson	33.00
Oct.	4	Tressa P. Nelson	14.00
Dec.	31	Tressa P. Nelson	14.00
			$100.00

Licenses and Permits and Filings

Sept.	6	Pistol permits	$.50
Oct.	4	Tressa P. Nelson, filing fees	2.00
	4	Pistol permits	.50
	6	Pistol permits	2.50
			$5.50

Rent of Town Property

Feb.	2	N bar H Club	$6.00
Mar.	1	N bar H Club	6.00
Apr.	5	N bar H Club	5.00
May	3	N bar H Club	5.00
	3	4 H Club	9.00
Oct.	14	N bar H Club	5.00
Dec.	6	N bar H Club	5.00
	31	N bar H Club	10.00
			$51.00

Registration of Motor Vehicles

Feb.	2	Tressa P. Nelson	1951	Autos	12.05
	2	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	176.73
Mar.	1	Tressa P. Nelson	1951	Autos	14.22
	1	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	271.76
Apr.	5	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	1,037.09
May	3	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	131.02
Aug.	2	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	474.65
Oct.	4	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	120.99
Nov.	1	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	138.72
Dec.	31	Tressa P. Nelson	1952	Autos	48.89
					$2,426.12
		Paid Tressa P. Nelson Issuing 419 Permits			209.50
		Actual Revenue from Motor Vehicle tax			$2,216.62

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue

Interest on Bonds

Feb.	2	Treasurer U. S. A.	$12.50
	2	Treasurer U. S. A.	25.00
Apr.	5	Treasurer U. S. A.	12.50
May	13	Treasurer of Trust Funds (Reimbursement)	25.00
Aug.	2	Treasurer U. S. A.	37.50
Sept.	6	Treasurer U. S. A.	12.50
Dec.	31	Treasurer U. S. A.	12.50
			$137.50

Sale of Town Property

Nov.	1	Albert H. Brown, Stedman Land	$50.00

Temporary Loans

Apr.	28	Merchant National Bank	$10,000.00

Long Term Notes

Apr.	28	Merchants National Bank	$2,000.00
		2—$1,000.00 Notes for Mohawk Bridge	

New Trust Funds

Sept.	6	Elizabeth Hartwell	$100.00
		Care of Hartwell lot	

Reimbursements

Mar.	1	Justin McCarthy	$20.00
	1	Thom Trembley Care	140.00
			$160.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Clyde S. Gray, Selectman	$328.00
Maurice H. Caswell, Selectman	442.00
Harry G. Parshley, Selectman	497.00
Fred E. Huckins, Tax Collector	579.44
Roland S. Brown, Treasurer	100.00
Tressa P. Nelson, Town Clerk	75.00
Albert Brown, Auditor	19.20
Merle D. Penney, Auditor	19.20
	$2,059.84

Town Officers' Expenses

Maurice H. Caswell	$41.32
Clyde S. Gray	10.25
Harry G. Parshley	60.70
Tressa P. Nelson	218.00
Fred E. Huckins	31.50
C. M. Hill & Sons, supplies	24.59
Frank Kendall Agency, insurance	174.21
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	34.74
Anna M. Dube, mortgage reports	33.50
Town Clerk Association, dues	2.00
Tax Collector Association, dues	3.00
N. H. Assessors' Association, dues	2.00
Granite State Press, reports	337.00
Sargent Bros., tax forms	21.30
Studley Flower Gardens	5.00
Gunnar D. Isaacson, (forms)	2.95
	$1,002.06
Credit for Issuing Auto Permits	209.50
Actual Expense	$792.56

Election and Registration

Record Press	$32.25
Virgil Scribner	24.00
Henry Hayes	24.00
Arthur Hayes	24.00

Victor Caverly	16.00
Robert Huckins	8.00
Hattie Foss	8.00
Roscoe Nelson	42.00
Willis Bennett	42.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	1.00
	$221.25

Town Hall

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	$79.80
Clyde S. Gray, slabs	10.00
Public Service Co.	40.30
Strafford County Gas	100.40
Harry Parshley	25.39
Maurice Caswell	1.19
Lester Huckins	12.00
H. P. Whitcher & Son, slabs	6.00
C. M. Hill & Son	3.13
A. W. Neilson, electrician	45.00
	$323.21

Fire

Victor E. Page & Son, oil	$58.45
Public Service Co.	16.85
Virgil Scribner, Parker Mountain fire	118.70
Kendall Agency, insurance	95.50
Mass. Bonding Co., insurance	130.50
American Fire, repairs siren	5.58
Forestry & Recreation, supplies	146.50
P. A. Wood, nozzle	7.68
Carpenter Mfg. Co., batteries	8.98
Palmer Plumbing, valve	5.21
Bunnell's Garage, repairs	35.78
Town of Northwood, Trudenback fire	18.00
	$647.73

Blister Rust

State of N. H., appropriations	$400.00

Bounties

Paid out during year	$8.00

Damage by Dogs

Wheeler & Clark, tags	$6.22
George Veator, hens	122.50
Clarence Rowe, sheep	18.00
Tressa Nelson, expense	7.80
Harry Parshley, disposal	2.00
	$156.52

Health Department

Maurice H. Caswell	$25.00

Vital Statistics

Tressa P. Nelson	$7.00

Highways

Summer

Apr. 16	E. Guy Huckins	$93.30
May 3	E. Guy Huckins	127.00
	Arthur Wheeler	49.90
	John Varney	14.40
	Frank Yeaton	13.50
	A. White	33.30
	Albert Foss	86.00
	Albert Huse	3.80
	H. Hammersmith, Jr.	6.00
	Herbert Clark	15.00
	John Scruton	13.50
	Alberton H. Berry	41.40
	Lewis Hanson	59.50
	Glen Hanson	23.85
	David Caverly	9.60
	Richard Nelson	1.80
	Mary Morrison	2.00
	Arthur Tasker	7.20
	Alice Tasker	11.20
	Kenneth Allen	10.50
	Virgil Scribner, plank	327.60
	Tasker Bros.	35.00
June 7	F. J. Berry Co.	31.50
	Prison Industries	14.40
	Lewis Hanson	51.00
	Glen Hanson	14.40

	Richard Nelson	9.00
	David Caverly	1.80
	Mary Morrison, sand	5.00
	Alberton Berry	16.65
	C. M. Hill & Sons	48.91
	E. Guy Huckins	236.00
	Albert Foss	162.50
	John Varney	6.30
	Francis Tasker	16.60
	Herbert Clark	22.20
	John Scruton	20.70
	Frank Yeaton	13.50
	Arthur Wheeler	43.70
	Henry Flanagan	2.70
	Bunnell's Garage	50.79
	Brown's Machine Shop	28.55
	M. H. Caswell	10.00
	Kenneth Allen, sand	3.50
July 17	E. Guy Huckins	170.00
	Albert Foss	145.80
	John Scruton	7.20
	John Varney	57.60
	Henry Flanagan	14.40
	Fred Vroman	7.20
	Alice Tasker	2.00
	Bunnell's Garage	25.29
	C. M. Hill & Sons	47.93
	Granite State Asphalt Co.	163.80
July 21	M. H. Caswell	98.75
	Wesley Brown	8.10
Aug. 2	C. M. Hill & Son	16.10
	Alfred Lewis, gravel	49.60
	E. Guy Huckins	91.40
	Ralph Brown	2.50
	John Varney	10.80
	Albert Foss	4.50
Aug. 16	E. Guy Huckins	131.00
Sept. 6	E. Guy Huckins	69.00
	Albert Foss	141.30
	John Varney	72.00
	Fred Hatch	72.00
	Laurence Brown	5.00
	Frank Yeaton	12.30
	Bunnell's Garage	7.60

	C. M. Hill & Son	20.32
	James Rowe	4.00
Sept. 6	Granite State Asphalt Co.	59.40
	Albert White	6.30
	M. H. Caswell	15.00
Sept. 18	E. Guy Huckins	111.80
Oct. 4	E. Guy Huckins	108.00
	John Varney	76.50
	Frank Yeaton	51.20
	Albert Foss	126.90
	Fred Hatch	36.00
	Francis Tasker	16.00
	C. M. Hill & Sons	31.13
	Albert White	14.40
Oct. 16	E. Guy Huckins	138.08
Nov. 1	E. Guy Huckins	152.00
	Albert Foss	57.60
	John Varney	25.20
	Fred Hatch	21.60
	Charles Streeter	10.80
	Lewis Hanson	1.80
	Glen Hanson	5.40
	R. C. Hazelton Co., culverts	318.93
	Kenneth Allen	47.92
Nov. 22	E. Guy Huckins	144.00
	Albert Foss	64.80
	John Varney	57.60
	Fred Hatch	57.60
	Herbert Clark	28.80
	Frank Yeaton	21.60
Dec. 6	E. Guy Huckins	79.40
	M. H. Caswell	72.00
	Harold Stiles	121.60
	Albert White	2.70
	Granite State Asphalt Prod. Co.	126.52
	Mrs. John Taylor	2.10
	M. H. Caswell	6.00
Dec. 31	Treas. State of N. H., tarring	1,708.72
	Harold Foss, plank	56.48
	Kenneth Allen, sand	53.40
	Harry G. Parshley	43.30
		$7,431.12

Winter

Jan. 9	E. Guy Huckins	$176.25
	Robert Huckins	38.70
	Harris Hammersmith, Jr.	7.20
	Frank Yeaton	.90
	Clyde Gray	10.80
	Myrl Lund	5.40
	Alberton Berry	179.25
	Clarence Rowe	42.30
	M. H. Caswell	281.50
Jan. 24	E. Guy Huckins	50.00
Feb. 2	E. Guy Huckins	177.45
	Arthur Wheeler	27.90
	Harris Hammersmith, Jr.	17.10
	Frank Yeaton	.90
	Albert Foss	34.20
	Bunnell's Garage	7.40
	Robert Hodges	25.20
	Richard Nelson	2.25
	Richard O'Connor	13.50
	Richard Witham	9.00
	Lewis Hanson	93.00
	Glen Hanson	54.90
	Carlo Cechetti	3.00
	Alberton Berry	164.45
	Clarence Rowe	20.70
	Warren Frazer	20.00
	Harold Stiles	54.00
	M. H. Caswell	123.75
Feb. 16	E. Guy Huckins	120.60
	Arthur Wheeler	4.50
Mar. 1	Kenneth Allen, sand	17.15
	Flavius J. Berry Co.	164.50
	Bunnell's Garage	20.52
	E. Guy Huckins	333.00
	Herbert Clark	11.70
	Burnham Varney	3.60
	Sumner Hayes	8.10
	Harris Hammersmith, Jr.	6.00
	John Knights	5.40
	George Carter	5.40
	Myrl Lund	10.80

	Cecil Foss	10.80
	Winfield Frost	10.80
	Alberton H. Berry	418.50
	Clarence Rowe	54.90
	Sumner Hayes	14.40
	Burton Hayes	15.30
	Lewis Hanson	30.00
	Glen Hanson	13.50
	Richard O'Connor	1.00
	Richard Nelson	1.35
	Carlo Cechetti	1.50
	Richard Witham	2.00
	M. H. Caswell	382.25
	Robert Hodges	54.00
	Gerald Thorne	25.20
	John Young	24.30
	Wesley Brown	2.70
	Albert Brown	2.70
	Tasker Bros.	39.00
Mar. 18	Alberton Berry	200.00
Apr. 5	Kenneth Allen, sand	31.51
	Bunnell's Garage	11.64
	F. J. Berry & Co.	59.50
	Alberton Berry	133.00
	Clarence Rowe	54.90
	Albert Foss	2.70
	C. M. Hill & Sons	7.50
	Lewis Hanson	26.50
	Glen Hanson	11.70
	E. Guy Huckins	242.80
	H. Hammersmith, Jr.	14.40
	Robert Hodges	8.10
	George Leighton	7.20
	Robert Flanagan	4.95
	Henry Flanagan	4.50
	Albert Foss	2.70
	M. H. Caswell	175.00
	Reggie Kelly	4.40
	Wesley Brown	2.70
	Russel McAllister	4.95
Mar. 3	N. E. Forestry Foundation	15.00
	Fred Vroman	21.20
July 21	Harold Stiles, winter sand	9.90
	Carroll Bailey, winter sand	9.90

	Town of Northwood, winter sand	10.80
July 17	M. H. Caswell, winter sand	13.50
	Tasker Bros., winter sand	19.50
	Mary Morrison, winter sand	9.00
Aug. 2	M. H. Caswell, winter sand	16.20
Dec. 6	Bunnell's Garage	4.40
	Arthur Tasker	19.95
	Alice Tasker	13.95
	Lewis Hanson	84.00
	Glen Hanson	24.30
	Wesley Brown	15.30
Dec. 31	E. Guy Huckins	286.50
	Alberton Berry	86.40
	Albert Foss	36.90
	Burton Hayes	16.20
	Alberton Berry	24.00
	Robert Huckins	1.80
	M. H. Caswell	40.00
		$5,247.62

Summary of Highway Money

Summer highways	$7,431.12
Winter highways	5,247.62
General expense	1,371.65
Total Expenditures	$14,050.39
1952 Gas Tax	1,472.80
	$12,577.59
1952 Appropriations	11,000.00
Over-expended	$1,577.59

General Expense

Feb. 2	C. M. Hill & Son, gas and oil	$27.26
	Brown's Machine Shop, grader	121.44
	R. C. Hazelton Co.	165.61
Mar. 1	Brown's Machine Shop	18.58
Apr. 2	Merrimack Farmer's Exchange, 2 shovels	3.94
May 3	George F. Wilson, generator	18.66
	Bunnell's Garage, gas and repairs	21.34

	C. M. Hill & Sons, gas	11.89
	R. C. Hazelton Co., parts	70.97
	V. H. Cogswell, Inc., motor overhaul	263.26
	Brown's Machine Shop, repairs	34.75
	Frank L. Kendall Agency, insurance on grader	51.75
July 17	Gans' Surplus Tire Co.	35.18
	Brown's Machine Shop	7.76
	Pilessier's Garage	11.03
	Charles W. Varney Co., workmen's group insurance	93.64
	Hervey's Tire Shop, 2 grader tires and tubes	251.56
Aug. 2	R. C. Hazelton Co., grader blades	12.50
	Bunnell's Garage	91.31
	Chas. W. Varney Co., extra premium on insurance	32.39
Oct. 4	Bunnell's Garage, gas	28.39
Nov. 4	C. M. Hill & Sons, gas and oil	24.15
	Bunnell's Garage	6.26
	Phillips' Garage	3.00
Dec. 6	V. H. Cogswell, Inc.	5.01
	Brown's Machine Shop	17.00
	C. M. Hill & Sons	14.90
Dec. 31	C. M. Hill & Sons	10.12
		$1,371.65

Libraries

Dec. 6	Ruth Huckins, 1952 appropriations	$42.50

Old Age Assistance

Paid our during year	$2,138.36

Public Welfare

Paid out during year	$903.98
Reimbursements	160.00
	$743.98

Soldiers' Aid

Paid out during year	$103.22

Memorial Day

June 7	Meader's Store, flags		$28.75
	Albert H. Brown, decorating graves		27.80
			$56.55

Taxes Bought By Town

Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins		
	1952 property taxes and interest		$2,211.30
	Costs		134.28
			$2,345.58

Abatements

May 3	Fred E. Huckins, 1951 Tax-double Assessments		$66.24
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins		
	49 Property Tax	$50.00	
	49 Personal Prop. Tax	7.25	
	50 Polls	68.00	
			125.25
			$191.49

Trust Funds

Sept. 6	Trustees of Trust Funds, Care of Hartwell lot	$100.00

Interest

May 3	Merchants National Bank, Interest on tax loan	$88.88
Sept. 6	Merchants National Bank, Interest on tax loan	12.50
Dec. 31	Trustees of Trust Funds, Interest on Austin Fund	160.00
		$261.38

Head Taxes

Oct. 4	Treasurer, State of N. H., 1951 Taxes and Penalties	$220.99
Dec. 31	Treasurer, State of N. H., 1952 Taxes	1,627.29
		$1,848.28

State Aid Construction

Dec. 31	Treasurer, State of N. H.	$1,000.00

State Aid Bridge

Dec. 31	Treasurer, State of N. H.	$4,000.00

T. R. A. Account

Apr. 24	Treasurer, State of N. H.	$6,999.75
July 17	Reimbursement from State of N. H.	6,086.74
	1952 Appropriation	$913.01

Temporary Loans

Oct. 4	Merchants Saving Bank	$5,000.00
Dec. 6	Merchants Saving Bank	5 000.00
		$10,000.00

County Tax

Dec. 6	Treasurer County of Strafford	$3,862.22

School

Feb. 2	Esther Henderson, treasurer	$3,000.00
Mar. 1	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3,000.00
Apr. 2	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3,500.00
May 3	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3,000.00
June 7	Esther Henderson, treasurer	1,000.00
Sept. 6	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3.500.00
Oct. 4	Esther Henderson, treasurer	4,000.00
Nov. 1	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3,500.00
Dec. 6	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3,500.00
Dec. 31	Esther Henderson, treasurer	3,500.00
	Total Payments during Year	$31,500.00
Jan. 1	1952 balance due schools	
	1951-52 appropriations	$15,156.09
	1952-53 School appropriations	34,702.40
		$49,858.49
	1952 Payments	31,500.00
	Balance due Schools, 1952-53 Year	$18,358.49

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Strafford, N. H., on December 31, 1952

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED Whether bank deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.	Amount of Principal	Balance Beginning Year	Rate of interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1884	Austin Fund, Austin-Cate Academy	Town Note	$4,000.00		4	$160.00	$160.00	
1886	Lavina Young, Sch. (Town)	U. S. Bond	1,000.00	$25.00	2½	25.00	50.00	
1917	Mary J. Wain, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	400.00	39.71	2½	10.00	20.00	$29.71
June 7, 1919	Betsy Welch, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	63.45	2½	5.00	25.00	43.45
June 3, 1921	Nancy Perkins, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	6.58	2½	2.50	5.00	4.08
Oct. 2, 1921	Betsy Hawkins, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	10.01	2½	2.50	5.00	7.51
Nov. 3, 1921	Samuel Jenness, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	29.05	2½	5.00	4.00	30.05
Nov. 7, 1922	Abbie Seavey, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	22.84	2½	2.50	10.00	15.34
June 6, 1925	Paul Hayes, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	50.00	6.51	2½	1.25	3.25	4.51
June 6, 1925	John Babb, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	15.42	2½	2.50	10.00	7.92
June 2, 1926	Ella Waterhouse, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	35.03	2½	5.00	10.00	30.03
June 2, 1926	Eliza Garfield, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	150.00	23.87	2½	3.75	5.00	22.62
Apr. 2, 1927	D. W. Smith, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	8.15	2½	2.50	7.50	3.15
Apr. 2, 1927	Abbie Caverly, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	19.33	2½	2.50	5.00	16.83
Apr. 2, 1927	John Jewell, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	4.83	2½	2.50	4.00	3.33
Apr. 2, 1927	John D. Clark, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	47.95	2½	2.50		50.45
Sept. 10, 1930	Robert L. Foss, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	7.93	2½	2.50	5.00	5.43
Sept. 2, 1933	Herbert Foss, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	2.50	2½	2.50	5.00	
Aug. 4, 1934	Ella F. Holmes, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	12.03	2½	5.00	10.00	7.03
Dec. 10, 1937	Dearborn Caswell, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	30.54	2½	5.00	5.00	30.54
Dec. 10, 1937	James Walker, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	2.50	2½	2.50	5.00	
Aug. 12, 1944	Fred Stanton, Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	55.50	2½	5.00	4.00	56.50
Sept. 6, 1950	Elizabeth Hartwell, Cemetery	Bank Deposit N. H. Sav. Bk. Concord, N. H.	100.00					
			200.00					
Mar. 5, 1951	Llewellyn Ham, Cemetery	Bank Deposit N. H. Sav. Bk. Concord, N. H.		$468.73		$257.50	$357.75	$368.48

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

December 31, 1952.

OSCAR B. PRATT,
PHILIP R. STEDMAN,
CHESTER C. SCRUTON,
Trustees.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk and Trustees of Trust Funds, for the year ending December 31, 1952. That in our opinion the accompanying statements of the Town Officers set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1952.

ALBERT H. BROWN,
MERLE D. PENNEY,
Auditors.

Strafford, N. H.
January 31, 1952

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL

Financial Statement

Town of Strafford

1952

Town funds expended	$391.05	
Cooperative funds expended	155.30	
Total expended		$546.35
Received from town	$400.00	
Expended from town funds	391.05	
Town balance		$8.95
Area covered		2,481 acres
Currant and gooseberry bushes destroyed		3,720

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Cash on hand January, 1952		$91.21
Received from town		42.50
Interest on bank book		2.57
Total		$136.28
Salary, (Librarian)	$25.00	
Books and postage	16.10	
Supplies	1.40	
		42.50
Cash on hand January, 1953		$93.78
Trust fund in Rochester Trust Bank		$1,544.06

MRS. E. GUY HUCKINS,
Librarian.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 10th day of March, 1953, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance, is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will approve the sum of

$300.00 for special handwriting instruction, included in the school board's budget for current expenses, for 1953-1954.

10. To see if the district will approve the sum of $450.00 for outside painting of the schoolhouses, as listed in the school board's budget for current expenses for 1953-1954.

11. To see if the district will vote to use printed ballots and vote to require candidates for school district offices to file with the district clerk, in a manner similar to candidates for town offices, and charge a fee therefor.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Strafford this 14th day of February 1953.

HELEN C. BROWN,
MADALEEN S. LEIGHTON,
THETIS V. SCRUTON,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HELEN C. BROWN,
MADALEEN S. LEIGHTON,
THETIS V. SCRUTON,
School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD'S COMPARATIVE BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Administration:	Adopted 1952-53	Proposed 1953-54
Salaries of District Officers	$252.00	$252.00
Superintendent's salary (local)	405.75	459.32
Per Capita tax	332.00	364.00
Salaries Other admin. personnel	145.00	221.73
Admin. supplies and expenses	110.00	130.00
Instructions:		
Teachers' salaries	7,870.00	8,023.00
Textbooks	200.00	225.00
Scholars' supplies	300.00	325.00
Other expenses of instruction	125.00	125.00
Operation of School Plant:		
Janitors' salaries	216.00	216.00
Fuel	550.00	600.00
Water, light, and janitors' supplies	125.00	135.00
Maintenance of School Plant:		
Painting		450.00
Repairs and replacements	400.00	400.00
Auxiliary Activities:		
Health supervision	400.00	400.00
Transportation	8,500.00	8,010.00
Tuition, high school	8,696.00	10,730.00
Tuition, elementary	5,468.94	5,376.00
Special activities	30.00	30.00
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement	450.35	496.00
Insurance, treasurer' bond, and exp.	5.00	68.00
Contingency Fund:	300.00	300.00
Total Current Expenses	$34,936.04	$37,336.05
Debt and Interest:		
Principal of debt	$2,000.00	
Interest on debt	36.00	
Total Debt and Interest	$2,036.00	
Total Appropriation	$36,972.04	$37,336.05

Estimated Receipts:		
Balance	$1,844.64	$1,763.97
State aid	400.00	1,000.00
Trust funds	25.00	25.00
Total Receipts (other than prop. tax)	$2,269.64	$2,788.97
District Assessment	34,702.40	34,547.08
Appropriation Voted	$36,972.04	$37,336.05

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:

The following table gives the number of pupils in each grade and building in September 1952:

Grade	Pupils	School	School Teachers
I	12	Center	Miss Margaret Coll
II	10	Center	
III	21	Bow Lake	Mrs Martha Bennett
IV	19	Bow Lake	
V	16	Crown Point	Mrs. Hattie Foss
VI	11	Crown Point	
Total	89		

Special part-time teachers for these schools are:
Music—Mrs. Sadie Merriam
Physical Education—Mrs. Ruth Holloway
Health Supervision—Miss Myrtle Fletcher, School Nurse.

Strafford Pupils Attending High School:

School	Pupils
Austin-Cate Academy (Grades VII and VIII)	24
Austin-Cate Academy (Grades IX to XII)	27
Dover Vocational School	14
Total	65

Miss Fletcher gave the regular inspection, including tests of hearing and vision and growth records, for 84 pupils, besides many special check-ups. Measles and chicken-pox were prevalent. Eighty children took advantage of the fluorine clinic for preventing tooth decay. Seven pre-school children were brought to the pre-school clinic at the Center School June 6. Every child about to enter school should be brought when such an opportunity offers. Mrs. George N. Hurley, R. N., serves as school nurse at the Academy.

The elementary schools presented a musical program in Rochester, May 23, under the direction of Mrs.

Merriam. The annual physical education demonstration took place June 6 at the Academy, under the direction of Mrs. Holloway. A special meeting of the district was held in August, at which reports were received from special committees on costs and facilities and cooperative district.

The legislative program for educational advancement in the state has been carefully prepared, as follows:

1. Act to permit the state board to pay back to local districts the full amount of the per-capita tax.

2. Continue the Municipal Bond Act provision to enable districts to borrow 5% and (by special permission) up to 8% for school building construction.

3. Clarify and strengthen the Cooperative School District Act, and the State Aid Act.

4. Budget appropriations to include:
 a. State aid of $1,230,000 to local schools.
 b. Scholarship aid of $40,000 to enable young people to prepare at the Teachers' Colleges.
 c. Provision for employment of Directors of Elementary Schools, Secondary Schools, and Surveys and Studies.
 d. A modest fund for revision and development of courses of study.

5. An auditorium-gymnasium at Plymouth Teachers College and a classroom-laboratory building at Keene.

In September, 1954 there will be an estimated 40 pupils attending Grades V and VI at Crown Point School, which has a building smaller than the others. Fourteen children are expected to enter Grade I in September, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

January 24, 1953 CHESTER W. DOE,
Superintendent.

Honor Roll of Perfect Attendance for One Year
Robert Omand, Elizabeth Omand, George Veator, Andrea Crosby, Beverly Byrnes, Edward Bishop, Arthur Parshley.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVE DISTRICT

At the 1952 School District meeting a committee was appointed to study the cooperative school movement in New Hampshire, with the possibility in mind that Strafford at some future time might become a member of a cooperative school district. The committee reported to a special School District meeting called in August of 1952. Their report at this meeting may be summarized as follows:

What Is a Cooperative School?

A cooperative school is a consolidation of two or more pre-existing school districts so that they can pool their resources for more efficient and effective education of their children. The cooperative school district is a single administrative unit, just like any other school district. It may operate several different schools within its territory or concentrate all children in one or two schools, depending upon the buildings available, the geography of the district, and the wishes of the voters.

How Is a Cooperative School District Formed?

First, each district which wishes to consider joining a cooperative school district must vote at a regular or special School District meeting to petition the State Board of Education to set up a proposed cooperative district. After the State Board sets up the proposal, each district must vote again at a regular or special school meeting on whether it wants to join the cooperative district as proposed by the State Board of Education. At this time the voters are given complete information on methods and costs of operating the proposed district. If the voters of each separate district vote to join, a meeting of the voters of all the districts to be included is called. A majority at this meeting must vote to establish the proposed district. Thus each town has three separate opportunities to vote on the

question before a Cooperative School District is formed. If this is done, the Cooperative School District board is elected.

Who Pays Off Outstanding Bonds of a School District Joining a Cooperative District?

Each town must pay off its own outstanding bonds. If a town has a new building for which a substantial sum of bonded indebtedness is still outstanding, this building will probably have a fairly high appraised valuation so that the town having the building will receive for it a substantial payment from the other towns in the Cooperative district. This will ease the burden of paying off the bonds.

Advantages of Cooperative Schools:

1. Competent teachers
2. Improved and broader educational program provided

 By understanding individual differences in pupils—this will reduce the number of drop-outs.

 By offering a wide range of subjects and courses in such fields as mathematics, science, languages, industrial shop, business, art, physical education, social studies, music, home economics.

 By offering a large variety of activities, such as orchestra, glee club, band, public speaking, athletics, dramatics, journalism.

 By making available such special services as guidance, counseling, transportation, hot lunches, library, health examinations, etc.
3. Adequate school housing and equipment
4. Safe and convenient pupil transportation
5. Efficiency and economy of rural education—the cost per pupil is less in larger units
6. Equalization of cost of education to taxpayers

The Committee recommended a further study of the subject. At the present time Barrington, Durham,

Lee, and Madbury are considering the formation of a Cooperative School District and the possibility of Strafford joining this group was explored. However, principally because of the geographical location of this town and the distances involved, it does not seem that it would be feasible or to the advantage of Strafford to join this group. As no other towns around Strafford are interested in the cooperative movement at this time, it appears that the advantages to Strafford of forming or joining a Cooperative District must remain a possibility for the future.

JEAN R. SCRIBNER,
Chairman of The
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1951—June 30, 1952

Receipts

Cash on hand July 1, 1951	$568.05
Appropriations	28,600.00
Previous years dog licenses	213.85
Previous appropriations	1,931.26
Young fund	25.00
Gift from Strafford Mothers Club for bubbler	8.26
Special appropriation	2,000.00
	$33,346.42

Payments

Salaries of District Officers:

Thetis Scruton	$60.00
Helen Brown	60.00
Madaleen Leighton	*66.00
Esther Henderson	60.00
John Scribner	2.50
Walton Stiles	2.50
Abbie F. Brown	5.00
Albert Brown	2.00
	$258.00

*Check No. 941 for $6.00 lost, deducted October 1952

Superintendent's Salary	$435.34
Truant Officer and Census	$20.00

Administration:

Esther Henderson	$5.00
Farmington News	7.60
Madaleen Leighton	.75
N. H. School Board	3.00
Everett Sackett	44.08
Edson Eastman	18.46

Frank Kendall	5.00
Helen C. Brown (stamped envelopes)	5.00
Helen C. Brown	25.00
	$113.89

Teachers' Salaries:

Martha Bennett	$2,028.92
Roberta Giddings	2,200.00
Hattie Foss	2,028.92
Ruth Holloway	338.50
Sadie Merriam	325.00
Ada Hayes	8.00
Miriam Chadbourn	8.00
Florys Smith	16.00
	$6,953.34

Text Books:

Beckley-Cardy	$8.15
Doubleday and Co.	9.06
Houghton Mifflin	117.50
J. L. Hammett	5.49
McCormick Mathers Publishing Co.	12.84
A. H. Rice Co.	31.50
John C. Winston	1.38
Ginn and Co.	21.94
A. B. Rider	5.90
	$213.76

Scholars' Supplies:

Allyn and Bacon	$13.02
Houghton-Mifflin	24.73
The Economy Co.	14.26
The MacMillan Co.	13.22
McCormick-Mathers Pub. Co.	12.84
The Ruive Pencil Co.	30.65
Edward E. Babb Co.	157.35
Ginn and Co.	4.44
Webster Pub. Co.	3.12
J. L. Hammett	75.04
	$348.67

Other Expenses of Instruction:

Beckley-Cardy Co.	$19.51
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	5.60
Edward Babb Co.	22.01
Mass. Audubon Society	2.50
Office Supply Co.	17.37
World Book Co.	12.46
American Educ. Press.	29.50
	$108.95

Janitor Service:

Roberta Giddings	$71.60
Ada Hayes	.40
Hattie Foss	7.60
Glen Clark	63.20
Lewis Hanson	72.00
	$214.80

Fuel:

Clyde Gray	$55.00
Lewis Hanson	13.50
James Horne	187.68
Victor Page	160.55
Harvey's Home Appliances	4.80
	$421.53

Water Light and January Supplies:

Public Service	$80.25
Edward Babb Co.	18.44
Ayers and Jenkins	.99
J. L. Hammett	34.10
C. M. Hill	5.71
	$139.49

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Harold Stiles	$53.20
Ayers and Jenkins	5.55
J. K. Horne	5.00
Helen Brown	5.60
Lewis Hanson	42.50
Public Service Co.	2.25

Howard Ambrose	3.70
Harvey's Home Appliances	6.00
Lyndall Clark	10.00
Thetis Scruton	3.00
Frank Johnson	10.30
Edward Babb Co.	5.45
Cora Locke	2.25
Burton Hayes	1.50
C. H. Doe	2.53
	$158.83
Medical Inspection:	
Myrtle Fletcher	$380.20
Lightbody Drug Co.	6.21
C. H. Doe	3.52
P. Labranche and Son	5.57
	$395.50
Transportation:	
Herbert Clark	$2,790.00
Virgil Scribner	2,160.00
Lewis Hanson	3,090.00
	$8,040.00
Tuition:	
High School	$6,064.56
Elementary	5,355.84
	$11,420.40
Other Special Activities:	
Pinkham's Express	$2.75
Horace Partridge	14.69
C. H. Doe	11.51
Lynch's Sports Equipment	2.45
	$31.40
Other Fixed Charges:	
N. H. Teachers Retirement System	$420.73
Treasurer State of N. H.	294.00
Everett B. Sackett	24.34
	$739.07

New Equipment:

Harvey's Home Appliances	$205.00
W. H. Davenhall	3.60
Victor Page	3.00
Beckley-Cardy Co.	8.26
	$219.86

Payments on Principal of Debt:

Merchants National Bank	$2,000.00

Payments of Interest on Debt:

Merchants National Bank	$76.66

Crown Point Well	$848.38
Total Receipts	$33,346.42
Total Payments	33,157.87
Balance on hand July 1, 1952	$188.55

THETIS SCRUTON,
HELEN BROWN,
MADALEEN LEIGHTON,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

For the Year Ending June 30, 1952

Cash on hand June 30, 1951		$568.05
Received from Selectman:		
Current appropriations	$28,600.00	
Special appropriations	2,000.00	
Balance previous appropriations	1,931.26	
Received from Trust Fund	25.00	
Dog Licenses Previous Years	213.85	
Reimbursement, Mothers Club	8.26	
Total Receipts:		$32,778.37
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		$33,346.42
Less School Board Orders Paid		33,157.87
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1952		$188.55

ESTHER R. HENDERSON,
District Treasurer.

Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the School Dictrict of Strafford, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and find them correct in all respects.

WALTON A. STILES,
JOHN W. SCRIBNER,
Auditors.

July 7, 1952.

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father
1952						
Mar. 12	Rochester	Margaret Eliz. Leighton	F	2	W	Roger Stephen Leighton
20	York, Me.	Gary James Stiles	M	1	W	Calvin Wilbur Stiles
27	Rochester	Brian Walter Thorne	M	2	W	George Walter Thorne
May 17	Rochester	Robert James Wheeler	M	3	W	Charles Irving Wheeler
June 9	Rochester	Brenda Sue Hodges	F	1	W	Robert Wm. Hodges
17	Rochester	Chester Howard Ambrose	M	3	W	George Howard Ambrose
23	Rochester	Robert Lloyd Chadbourn, Jr.	M	5	W	Robert Lloyd Chadbourn
Oct. 24	Rochester	Richard Eugene Wheeler, Jr.	M	1	W	Richard Eugene Wheeler
Nov. 3	Rochester	Susan Karen Lund	F	4	W	Herbert Carroll Lund
3	Rochester	Baby Boy Dudley (Still.)	M	11	W	Randolph Wm. Dudley
15	Rochester	Donna Jean Caverly	F	2	W	Robert Ernest Caverly
Dec. 11	Rochester	Kerry Douglas Omand	M	7	W	Robert Chas. Omand

Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Margaret J. Ridderrold	Strafford	Fish-Game Tech.	Strafford	Oslo, Norway
Corinne Foss	Strafford	Farmer	Ctr. Strafford	Rochester
Olive Hazel Shiere	Strafford	Grocer	Northwood	Somerville, Ms.
Hazel Alstene Noke	Strafford	Mechanic	Lexington, Ms.	Newton, Ms.
Theresa Foss	C. Strafford	Machine Oper.	Hanover	Rochester
Ruth Bethene Brown	C. Strafford	Lumber Grader	Saskatchewan, Can.	Ctr. Strafford
Viva Belle Caverly	Strafford	Cook	Eastham, Ms.	Strafford
Mary June Ignico	C. Strafford	Cook	Lexington, Ms.	Malden, Ms.
Margaret May Sanborn	Strafford	Machine Oper.	Strafford	Whitefield
Helen Annie Caverly	Strafford	Sawyer	Deerfield	Strafford
Mildred Sophie Norman	C. Strafford	Lumberman	Strafford	Boston, Ms.
Bernice Viola Follansbee	Strafford	Teacher	Manchester	New Boston, Ms.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TRESSA P. NELSON, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Place of Marriage / Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condition, No.	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married
1952										
Jan. 20	Errol Dexter Clark	Strafford	19	W	U. S. Army	New Hamp.	Edson John Clark	New Hamp.	S	Rev. L. C. Holmes
C. Strafford							Josephine Velma Smith	New Hamp.		Bapt. Clergyman
	Erma Joyce Messenger	Ctr. Strafford	21	W	At Home	Mass.	Herbert Lee Messenger	Nova Scotia	S	Alfred, Me.
							Edith Doris Murphy	Nova Scotia		
Feb. 17	Donald Richard Potter	Derry	24	W	U. S. A. F.	Mass.	Walter Potter	New Jersey	S	Rev. L. C. Holmes
C. Strafford							Helen Elizabeth Fall	Mass.		Bapt. Clergyman
	Barbara Ann Wheeler	Ctr. Strafford	17	W	Student	Mass.	Arthur E. Wheeler	Mass.	S	Alfred, Me.
							Christine Gunda Hansen	Mass.		
July 5	Frank Walter McDonald	Strafford	26	W	Mill Worker	New Hamp.	George McDonald	Mass.	S	Rev. W. A. Binkley
Northwood							Flora Wi'fred DeMeritt	Vermont		Bapt. Minister
	Vera Belle McMann	E. Rochester	31	W	Housewife	Mass.	Joseph Newell Abbott	New Hamp.	D	Northwood
							Jesse Belle Ainsworth	New Hamp.		
July 5	Michael Jos. Curtin	Strafford	63	W	Ret. Engineer		William Curtin	Ireland	W	John H. Pinkham
C. Barnstead							Mary Collins	Ireland		Justice of Peace
	Florence Marie Clark	Boston, Ms.	41	W	Coil Winder	Exeter, Ms.	John Clark	New York	S	Barnstead
							Sarah Therrien	Mass.		
Sept. 27	Emil Roma Ferland	Farmington	21	W	Shoe Worker	N'b'port, Ms.	Emil Roma Ferland	Rochester	S	Chas. O. Hunter, Sr.
Strafford							Cath'ne Mabel Hartford	E. Rochester		Justice of Peace
	Louise M. A. Lingard	Strafford	14	W	At Home	Rochester	Ralph Elton Lingard	Rochester	S	Milton
							Cancia Mary Thiverge	Rochester		
Nov. 26	Carl Benj. Dean	Ctr. Strafford	39	W	Parts Mgr.	New Hamp.	Truman Fred'k Dean	New Hamp.	D	John N. Feaster
Portsmouth							Harriet May Cilley	Mass.		Clergyman
	Jeanice Sidney Young	Dover	37	W	Public Steno.	New Hamp.	Sidney Leon Young	Deceased	S	Portsmouth
							Bessie Maud Cooley	New Hamp.		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TRESSA P. NELSON, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Sin., Mar., Wid.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
			Years	Months	Days								
1952													
Jan. 19	Concord	Emma Gray	84	..	..	Barrington	F	W	W	Housewife	Hiram Tuttle	Martha Hanson	Cerebral hemorrhage
22	Rochester	Guy A. Berry	59	..	..	Wolfeboro	M	W	M	Farmer	Alberton Berry	Mary Jenkins	Gen. Arteriosclerosis
Feb. 27	Strafford	Alma Tuttle	77	7	13	Dover	F	W	W	Housewife	Ai Austin	Susan Woodens	Circulatory failure
28	Strafford	Ruth Howard Lingard	41	3	2	Strafford	F	W	M	Housewife	Harry W. Howard	Sadie Eaton	Bilateral broncho-pneu.
Apr. 11	Strafford	Harvey Haraden	70	3	7	Enfield, Vt.	M	W	S	Spinner	Not known	Not known	Coronary thrombosis
May 7	Strafford	James Wm. Seavey	47	..	..	N. Y. City	M	W	M	Truck Driver	Ludolph Seavey	Margaret Borighton	Carcinoma of lungs
7	Concord	Clara May Carter	71	..	..	Strafford	F	W	W	Housewife	Hiram S. Thompson	Nellie H. Frost	Cerebral hemorrhage
June 19	Strafford	Wallace Munro Farwell	58	..	..	Springvale, Me.	M	W	M	Shoe M. Oper.	Joseph Farwell	Blanche Quint	Coronary thrombosis
23	Ctr. Strafford	Elizabeth Leighton Hill	74	..	..	Strafford	F	W	W	Housewife	Steven Leighton	Isabel Foss	Anoxemia, acute asthma
25	Rochester	Margaret Ann DeMeritt	66	..	..	Prince Edw. Is.	F	W	M	Housewife	Gilbert Gallant	Mary Peters	Cerebral hemorrhage
July 28	Quincy, Ms.	Dorothy S. Dupee	53	8	9	Boston, Mass.	F	W	M	Housewife	Daniel D. Scott	Georgina B. McNutt	Cancer of sigmoid
Aug. 3	Strafford	John Dennis Dunley	82	2	26	Natick, Mass.	M	W	M	Ret. Shoe Insp.	Dennis Dunley	Ellen Hennessy	Myocardial infraction
Sept. 15	Ctr. Strafford	Louise Marion Hayes	43	..	..	Pittsburg	F	W	M	Sec., Housewife	Chas. A. M'Allaster	Ella M. Trask	Carcinoma of cervix
15	Strafford	Hattie Lucy Davis	68	..	..	Lowell, Mass.	F	W	W	Housewife	Gilman E. Soper	Harriet E. ———	Coronary thrombosis
Nov. 4	Concord	Oscar Smith	62	..	..	Maine	M	W		Carpenter	Walter Herbert Smith	Nellie Smith	Auricullar fibrillation
Dec. 2	Rochester	Mary E. Griffin	82	3	7	Strafford	F	W	W	Housewife	Stephen W. Hanson	Elizabeth A. Caverly	Acute coronary occlusion
5	Strafford	Inez Mary Waldron	92	..	..	Lee	F	W	W	Housewife	John Bennett	Elizabeth A. York	Senility
19	Concord	Frank Jones	66	7	16	Barnstead							Nephrosclerosis

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TRESSA P. NELSON, Town Clerk.